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For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING Mg-REM-Ni BASED HYDROGEN-ABSORBING ALLOY

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 8, 2010

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the July 8, 2010 Final Office Action of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office setting a three month shortened statutory period for response until October 8, 2010.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to the expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response so that an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if for any reason any extension of time and/or fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required fee, including any required extension of time and/or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein.